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To improve kids' mental health, some schools start later

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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DREXEL HILL, Pa. (AP) — In the hours before he's due at Upper Darby High School, senior Khalid Doulat has time to say prayers, help his mother or prepare for track practice. It's a welcome shift from last year for him and thousands of students at the school, which pushed its start time back by more than two hours — from a 7:30 a.m. start time to 9:45 a.m. One goal for the change: to ease strains on students that were more visible than ever coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'll be honest, I've been much happier in the mornings," Doulat said. "I've been more positive, and I've come to school smiling more rather than, you know, grudging out of bed and stuff like that at 7:30."

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Upper Darby High School students Rayan Hansali, from left, Tanveer Kaur, Elise Olmstead, Fatima Afrani, Joey Ngo and Ata Ollah, talk in the campus courtyard, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in Drexel Hill, Pa.

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To improve kids' mental health, some schools start later

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The idea of later school start times, pushed by many over the years as a way to help adolescents get more sleep, is getting a new look as a way to address the mental health crisis affecting teens across the U.S.

For some schools, the pandemic allowed experimentation to try new schedules. Upper Darby, for one, initially considered later start times in 2019. Ultimately, it found a way to do it this year by using distance learning as a component of the school day.

As students first came back to in-person learning, many dealt with mental health struggles and behavioral issues, Upper Darby Super-



Upper Darby High School Principal Matthew Alloway gestures while speaking with a reporter during an interview, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in Drexel Hill, Pa.

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intendent Daniel McGarry said. Officials saw a breakdown in students respecting the authority of teachers in the classroom.

"We had a lot of those things that we were facing and we're still working

our way through it; we're in a much better place," McGarry said. "I think our kids feel better. They're not 100% better." But, he said, much of the social anxiety students felt after being in online school has dissipat-

ed. During the pandemic, soaring numbers of high school students expressed persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness, with girls and LGBTQ+ youth reporting the highest levels of poor mental health and suicide attempts. It doesn't help that research suggests middle and high school students aren't getting enough sleep.

"These mental health challenges are already going to happen and then, with the absence of sleep, are much worse," said Orfeu Buxton, director of the Sleep, Health & Society Collaboratory at Penn State University. "The same with decision making, suicidal ideation, those kinds of things."

The reasons why high schools start as early as they do — many begin their day before 7:30 a.m. — are "lost to the sands of history," Buxton said. But now, he said, "everything is baked into that: traffic light patterns, bus schedules and adults' work."

Nationally, at least nine states are considering legislation related to school start times, up from four the previous year, according to the National Conference on State Legislatures. California in 2019 became the first and only state to dictate school start times. Large school systems including Denver, Philadelphia and Anchorage, Alaska, have been looking into later start times.

It can require innovation to forge a new schedule.

At Upper Darby High, the school day technically still begins at 7:30 a.m., with students assigned coursework to be done remotely that ties into their lessons for the day. But they can use the early morning hours as they see fit — they can meet with teachers during office hours, sleep in or finish other homework. Ultimately, the work assigned for the early morning needs to be done, but when is up to students.

"I think getting more sleep is definitely helping," Elise Olmstead, a junior. "I would be more irritable through-

out the day, especially later, because I have a lot of after-school things. I would just have a harder time getting through the day."

The school day still ends by 3 p.m. Fatima Afrani, a freshman, said that when she gets home, she'll usually relax, then help her mom or do homework.

"If I'm tired I go to sleep, which was not something I was able to do last year. Last year I just had to get my homework done because there wasn't an option of being able to do it later," she said. "And so I liked that if I was tired, I could listen to my body and just let myself sleep."

Principal Matthew Alloway said educators have noticed fewer students sleeping in class. The new schedule also has allowed "kids to go to school for exactly what they need," he said. About 400 of the school's 4,250 students attend only through virtual learning — an option it offered to compete with online schools.

Critics have argued students have less instruction time in the new schedule. The original 80-minute periods have been shortened, but Alloway said that it's not as if lectures always took up the full 80 minutes. "It was sometimes a 60-minute concentrated instructional time. But then there was time to write. There was time to read. There was time to view a video," he said.

Other challenges wrought by the pandemic — teacher shortages, for one — have also benefitted from the schedule change, administrators said. Teachers can take care of themselves and their families in the morning. Administrators have more time to replace staffers who call out sick.

Doulat, the Upper Darby senior, said that even if students can't see the effects every day, there's been a big positive impact.

"It's such little changes in our daily lives that we don't notice it," he added. "But they slowly start building up, and we actually see the difference within our own lives." □

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Yellen: 'No good options' if Congress fails to act on debt

By ZEKE MILLER
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Sunday that there are "no good options" for the United States to avoid an economic "calamity" if Congress fails to raise the nation's borrowing limit of \$31.381 trillion in the coming weeks. She did not rule out President Joe Biden bypassing lawmakers and acting on his own to try to avert a first-ever federal default.

Her comments added even more urgency to a high-stakes meeting Tuesday between Biden and congressional leaders from both parties.

Democrats and Republicans are at loggerheads over whether the debt limit should even be the subject of negotiation. GOP lawmakers, led by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California, are demanding spending cuts in return for raising the borrowing limit, while Biden has said the threat of default shouldn't be used as leverage in budget talks.

Yellen, interviewed on ABC's "This Week," painted a dire picture of what might happen if the borrowing



Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen speaks on the U.S.-China economic relationship at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Thursday, April 20, 2023, in Washington.

Associated Press

limit is not increased before the Treasury Department runs out of what it calls "extraordinary measures" to operate under the current cap. That time, she said, is expected to come in early June, perhaps as soon as June 1.

"Whether it's defaulting on interest payments that are due on the debt or payments due for Social Security recipients or to Medicare providers, we would simply not have enough cash to

meet all of our obligations," she said. "And it's widely agreed that financial and economic chaos would ensue."

An increase in the debt limit would not authorize new federal spending. It would only allow borrowing to pay for what Congress has already approved.

Biden's White House meeting with McCarthy, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schum-

er, D-N.Y., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., will be the first substantive talks between Biden and McCarthy in months.

House Republicans on April 26 passed a bill that would raise the debt limit but impose significant federal spending cuts. But those cuts are unlikely to win the support of all Republicans in the Democratic-controlled Senate, and Biden has said he will only nego-

tiate about government spending once Congress takes the risk of default off the table.

Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, an independent who left the Democratic Party in December, encouraged Biden and McCarthy to meet each other half way.

"There's not going to be just a simple clean debt limit — the votes don't exist for that," she told CBS's "Face the Nation." "So the sooner these two guys get in the room and listen to what the other one needs, the more likely they are to solve this challenge and protect the full faith and credit of the United States of America."

Yellen was asked on ABC whether Biden could bypass Congress by citing the Constitution's 14th Amendment that the "validity" of U.S. debt "shall not be questioned." Yellen did not answer definitively, but said it should not be considered a valid solution.

"We should not get to the point where we need to consider whether the president can go on issuing debt. This would be a constitutional crisis," she said.

"What to do if Congress fails to meet its responsibility? There are simply no good options," she added. □

Navy commissions USS Cooperstown; honors war veteran players

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Navy on Saturday commissioned the USS Cooperstown in honor of 70 Major League Baseball Hall of Fame players who served in the military during wartime.

The littoral combat ship is named after the village in New York state where the Hall is located.

Hall of Famers Joe Torre and Johnny Bench took part in the ceremony, with Torre delivering remarks and Bench presenting a long glass, a nautical telescope.

"It is critical that we honor the legacy of these Hall of Famers," Torre said, "not just for what they did on the field, but for what they sacrificed and what they accomplished off the field."



This photo provided by the U.S. Navy shows the Freedom-variant littoral combat ship USS Cooperstown (LCS 23) prior to the ship's commissioning ceremony, Saturday, May 6, 2023, in New York.

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Their legacy lives on with the USS Cooperstown and with the sailors here today and in the years to come."

The 70 players honored served during conflicts from the Civil War through the Korean War and include

some of the sport's biggest names, such as Ty Cobb (Army, WWI); Joe DiMaggio and Jackie Robinson

(Army, WWII); Ted Williams (Marines, WWII and Korea); and Willie Mays (Army, Korea). The ship's motto is "America's Away Team." Torre, a former player and longtime New York Yankees manager, was elected to the Hall in 2014. Bench, a catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, was selected in 1989. Bench's father and Torre's older brother served in the Army and Navy, respectively, during World War II, according to the Hall of Fame. The ship, built by the Lockheed Martin and Fincantieri Marinette Marine in Wisconsin, was launched in 2019 and christened in 2020. It was delivered to the Navy in September. From New York City, the ship will sail to its base in Mayport, Florida. □

SUV driver hits crowd at Texas bus stop near border; 7 dead

By VALERIE GONZALEZ and MICHAEL GONZALEZ

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP)

An SUV slammed into a crowd Sunday, killing at least seven people and injuring at least 10 who were waiting at a bus stop outside a migrant shelter in the border city of Brownsville, Texas, police said.

Shelter director Victor Maldonado of the Bishop Enrique San Pedro Ozanam Center said he reviewed the shelter's surveillance video on Sunday morning after receiving a call about the crash.

"What we see in the video is that this SUV, a Range Rover, just ran the light that was about a 100 feet away and just went through the people who were sitting there in the bus stop," Maldonado said.

The city bus stop is across the street from the shelter and is not marked. There was no bench, and people waiting there were sitting along the curb, Maldonado said. He said most of the victims were Venezuelan men. He said the SUV flipped after running up on the curb and continued moving for about 200 feet (about 60 meters). Some



A damaged vehicle sits at the site of a deadly collision near a bus stop in Brownsville, Texas, on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

people walking on the sidewalk about 30 feet from the main group were also hit, Maldonado said. Witnesses detained the driver as he tried to run away and held him until police arrived, he said.

Brownsville police investigator Martin Sandoval said the crash happened about 8:30 a.m. and police did not know whether the driver intentionally hit people. "It can be three factors," Sandoval said. "It could be intoxication; it could be an accident; or it could be in-

tentional. In order for us to find out exactly what happened, we have to eliminate the other two."

The driver was taken to the hospital for injuries sustained when the car rolled over, Sandoval said. There were no passengers in the car and police didn't immediately know the drivers' name or age, Sandoval said on Sunday afternoon. "He's being very uncooperative at the hospital, but he will be transported to our city jail as soon as he gets released," Sandoval said.

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"Then we'll fingerprint him and (take a) mug shot, and then we can find his true identity."

Police also retrieved a blood sample and sent it to a Texas Department of Public Safety lab to test for intoxicants.

Brownsville has long been an epicenter for migration across the U.S.-Mexico border, and it has become a key location of interest for next week's end to pandemic-era border restrictions known as Title 42. The Ozanam shelter is the only

overnight shelter in the city and manages the release of thousands of migrants from federal custody.

Maldonado said the center had not received any threats before the crash, but they did afterward.

"I've had a couple of people come by the gate and tell the security guard that the reason this happened was because of us," Maldonado said.

The shelter can hold 250, but many who arrive leave the same day. In the last several weeks, an uptick in border crossings prompted the city to declare an emergency as local, state and federal resources coordinated enforcement and humanitarian response.

"In the last two months, we've been getting 250 to 380 a day," Maldonado said. While the shelter offers migrants transportation during the week, they also use the city's public transportation.

U.S. Rep. Vicente González said Sunday that local officials are in communication with the federal government about the crash.

"We are all extremely sad and heart broken to have such a tragedy in our neighborhood," he said. □

Medicaid expansion for new moms wins approval in Missouri



Missouri state Sen. Elaine Gannon speaks to reporters Friday, May 5, 2023, at her Capitol office in Jefferson City, Mo.

Associated Press

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

Lower-income new mothers could gain a full year of Medicaid health-care coverage in Missouri under legislation given final

approval Friday as part of a national push to improve maternal health.

The legislation, which now goes to Gov. Mike Parson, would add Missouri to a growing list of Republican-led states that have previ-

ously balked at Medicaid expansions but which are now joining Democratic states in providing 12 months of coverage — instead of the typical 60 days — after women give birth. "If we want healthy babies, we have to have healthy mammas — and that is so important," said Republican state Sen. Elaine Gannon, one of the sponsors of the Missouri legislation.

The option for longer Medicaid coverage was made possible under a pandemic relief law signed by President Joe Biden in 2021. About two-thirds of states already have implemented 12 months of postpartum care, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Alaska Legislature on Friday passed legislation ex-

tending postpartum Medicaid coverage for new mothers from 60 days to 12 months. "Postpartum health issues occur far beyond 60 days, and I am pleased the Legislature passed this long overdue bill," Alaska Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy said in a statement.

Some Republican-led states didn't act upon the Medicaid expansion until after the U.S. Supreme Court used a Mississippi case last June to overturn a constitutional right to abortion. When Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves, a Republican, signed legislation in March expanding postpartum Medicaid coverage, he described it as part of a "new pro-life agenda" to help mothers now that abortion access is restricted. In

Missouri, where abortion is banned except in certain medical emergencies, Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden opened this year's session by saying he wanted broaden the definition of "pro-life" policies — citing longer postpartum Medicaid coverage as one example.

When the Senate initially passed the legislation earlier this year, conservative Republicans attached a provision intended to exclude women who get elective abortions. But that was stripped from the final version after other lawmakers raised concerns that an anti-abortion provision could jeopardize needed approval from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid. □

Ukraine downs Russian hypersonic missile with U.S. Patriot

By DAVID RISING

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) —

Ukraine's air force claimed Saturday to have downed a Russian hypersonic missile over Kyiv using newly acquired American Patriot defense systems, the first known time the country has been able to intercept one of Moscow's most modern missiles.

Air Force commander Mykola Oleshchuk said in a Telegram post that the Kinzhal-type ballistic missile had been intercepted in an overnight attack on the Ukrainian capital earlier in the week. It was also the first time Ukraine is known to have used the Patriot defense systems.

"Yes, we shot down the 'unique' Kinzhal," Oleshchuk wrote. "It happened during the night-time attack on May 4 in the skies of the Kyiv region."

Oleshchuk said the Kh-47 missile was launched by a MiG-31K aircraft from Russian territory and was shot down with a Patriot missile. The Kinzhal is one of the latest and most advanced Russian weapons. The Russian military says the air-launched ballistic missile has a range of up to 2,000 kilometers (about 1,250 miles) and flies at 10 times the speed of sound, making it hard to intercept.

A combination of hypersonic speed and a heavy warhead allows the Kinzhal to destroy heavily fortified targets, like underground bunkers or mountain tunnels.

The Ukrainian military has previously admitted lacking assets to intercept the Kinzhals.

"They were saying that the Patriot is an outdated American weapon, and Russian weapons are the best in the world," Air Force spokesman Yurii Ihnat said on Ukraine's Channel 24 television. "Well, there is confirmation that it effectively works against even a super-hypersonic missile." Ihnat said.

He said successfully intercepting the Kinzhal was "a slap in the face for Russia." Ukraine took its first delivery of the Patriot missiles in late



Members of US 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command stands next to a Patriot surface-to-air missile battery during the NATO multinational ground based air defence units exercise "Tobruq Legacy 2017" at the Siauliai airbase some 230 km. (144 miles) east of the capital Vilnius, Lithuania, on July 20, 2017.

Associated Press

April. It has not specified how many of the systems it has or where they have been deployed, but they are known to have been provided by the United States, Germany and the Netherlands.

Germany and the U.S. have acknowledged each sending at least one battery and the Netherlands has said it has provided two launchers, although it is not clear how many are currently in operation.

Ukrainian troops have received the extensive training needed to be able to effectively locate a target with the systems, lock on with radar, and fire. Each battery requires up to 90 personnel to operate and maintain.

Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov said he first asked for Patriot systems when visiting the U.S. in August 2021, months before Russia's full-scale invasion but seven years after Russia illegally annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula.

He has described possessing the system as "a dream" but said he was told in the U.S. at the time that it was impossible.

The Patriot was first deployed by the U.S. in the 1980s. The system costs approximately \$4 million per missile, and the launchers cost about \$10 million each, according to analysts.

At such a cost, it was widely thought that Ukraine would only use the Patriots against

Russian aircraft or hypersonic missiles.

In a Telegram post on Saturday, Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the commander-in-chief of Ukraine's Armed Forces, said he had thanked U.S. Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for the ongoing American aid to Ukraine. Zaluzhnyi said he also briefed Milley "about the situation at the front and preparations" for Ukraine's counteroffensive against Russia.

Ukraine has not said when it might launch the counteroffensive, but it is widely anticipated this spring.

In an interview this week with Foreign Affairs magazine, Milley said he would not speculate on if or when it might come, but that with NATO assistance to help train and equip nine brigades' worth of combined arms, armor and mechanized infantry, "the Ukrainians right now have the capability to attack."

He also said that their capability to defend was "significantly enhanced from what they were just a year ago."

"I don't want to suggest that they may or may not conduct an offensive operation in the coming weeks," he said. "That'll be up to them. They've got a significant amount of planning and coordination and all of that to do, if they were to do an offensive operation. But they're prepared to do offense or defense." □

In other developments, officials in both Russia and Ukraine said they had carried out another of their regular exchanges of prisoners of war.

The Russian Defense Ministry said it brought three military pilots back to Russia, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, said 45 fighters who defended the Azovstal steel mill in Mariupol had been returned to Ukraine.

Also on Saturday, Ukraine's Special Operations Forces accused Russia of using phosphorus munitions in its attempt to wrest control of the eastern city of Bakhmut from Ukrainian forces.

Russian troops have been trying to take the city for more than nine months, but Ukrainian forces are still clinging to positions on the western outskirts.

On Saturday, the Ukrainska Pravda newspaper quoted military officials as saying that "the enemy used phosphorus and incendiary ammunition in Bakhmut in an attempt to wipe the city off the face of the earth."

A photo accompanying the newspaper report showed an urban area lit up with fire in multiple places.

The allegations could not be independently verified. Russian forces have not commented on the claim but have rejected previous accusations from Ukraine that they had used phosphorus. □

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Iran hangs Iranian-Swedish man over 2018 attack killing 25

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran executed an Iranian-Swedish dual national Saturday accused of masterminding a 2018 attack on a military parade that killed at least 25 people, one of several enemies of Tehran seized abroad in recent years amid tensions with the West.

Farajollah Cha'ab, also known as Habib Asyoud, had been a leader of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahwaz, an Arab separatist movement that has conducted oil pipeline bombings and other attacks in Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province. That group had claimed the 2018 attack in its immediate aftermath.

Cha'ab's execution comes as a Swedish court last year sentenced an Iranian to life in prison over his part in the 1988 mass executions in Iran at the end of its war with Iraq. Tehran, which has used prisoners as bargaining chips in negotiations with the West, reacted angrily to that sentence. Meanwhile, tensions also remain high between Iran and the West over its rapidly advancing nuclear program as well — and at least one more prisoner with Western ties faces a possible execution.



In this photo released by Mizan News Agency on Oct. 25, 2022, Iranian-Swedish dual national Farajollah Cha'ab arrives at a courtroom at the Revolutionary Court in Tehran, Iran.

Associated Press

The Iranian judiciary's Mizan news agency confirmed Cha'ab's execution by hanging in a lengthy statement. It identified him as the leader of the militant group and alleged without providing evidence that he had ties to Swedish, Israelis and U.S. intelligence services. It accused his group of killing or wounding 450 people over the years, including multiple attacks on government offices and other sites.

It also included state television interviews with Cha'ab, a feature of many

Iranian trials that activists long have described as coerced confessions.

It also clearly identified Iranian intelligence officers as being behind Cha'ab's abduction, saying that its "unknown soldiers" captured him in Turkey in November 2019. Iran has used similar ruses to capture its enemies abroad, including the exiled journalist Ruhollah Zam who was executed in 2020. Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom condemned Cha'ab's execution.

"The death penalty is an inhumane and irrevocable

punishment, and Sweden, together with the rest of the (European Union), condemns its use under all circumstances," he said in a statement.

Sweden's Nordic neighbors Finland and Norway also strongly condemned the execution, underlying their stance against the death penalty. "I am appalled," said Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto.

The Oslo-based group Iran Human Rights separately condemned the execution, referring to Cha'ab's closed-door trial as "grossly

unfair."

"This is an example of the Islamic Republic's state terrorism," said Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam, the group's director. "We expect that the EU and Swedish government show adequate reaction to the murder of their citizen. Killing a hostage must not be tolerated."

Tensions already had escalated between Iran and Sweden over the life imprisonment of Hamid Noury, an Iranian convicted in Sweden of committing grave war crimes and murder during the final phase of the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. The end of the war saw mass executions of an estimated 5,000 Iranian prisoners, including those from an exiled opposition group and others.

The 2018 attack in Iran targeted a military parade in Ahvaz in Khuzestan, the chaos captured live on state television. Militants disguised as soldiers opened fire, killing at least 25 people and wounding over 60 others in the deadliest attack to strike Iran in years. A spokesman for the separatist group claimed the assault shortly after in a televised interview. The Islamic State group also claimed the attack, though it offered factually incorrect details about the assault. □



People walk next to a house destroyed by the floods in the village of Nyamukubi, South Kivu province, in Congo, Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Associated Press

By JUSTIN KABUMBA

Associated Press

GOMA, Congo (AP) — The death toll from floods in eastern Congo has almost doubled, reaching close to 400 people as of Sunday, according to a local offi-

cial.

The administrator of the worst-affected area, the Kalehe territory of South Kivu province, told The Associated Press by phone that more bodies were recovered Sunday, includ-

Deaths from Congo floods approach 400 as search continues

ing many found floating in Lake Kivu.

Administrator Thomas Bakenga said the confirmed number of dead stood at 394 but it was a provisional count since the search was continuing. More than 300 victims had been buried as of Sunday, local groups said.

Torrential rains across Kalehe territory began on Thursday evening. Rivers broke their banks, with flash floods sweeping away the majority of buildings in the villages of Bushushu and Nyamukubi, causing the huge loss of life.

Delphin Birimbi, a civic

leader in Kalehe, said he understood that thousands of people remained missing. He told the AP that some doctors arrived to treat the injured but communities were pleading for more emergency assistance.

The destruction caused by the flooding hampered aid efforts, with two main roads impassable.

More than 170 victims were buried in four mass graves, Valet Chebujongo, a youth political activist helping in the rescue efforts in Kalehe, said by telephone. "Imagine, you bury them in a mass grave, without a cof-

fin," Chebujongo said.

The Congolese government declared Monday as a national day of mourning, with flags to fly at half-staff in memory of the victims.

A delegation of government officials and lawmakers sent by Congo's president, Félix Tshisekedi, arrived in Bukavu, a city near the southern part of Lake Kivu and planned to visit the devastated area on Monday, according to a government spokesperson. Heavy rains in recent days have brought misery to thousands in East Africa, including in parts of Uganda and Kenya. □



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The photographs show the moment when Ivan Quandus delivered the results of this work to Maybelline, as well as different stages of the project.□

Aruba's Tiger Taekwondo Academy makes historic achievements in the Dominican Republic



With great pride, we received the news of the participation of Tiger Taekwondo Academy in the Panamerican competition held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic at the end of April.

The Academy won a total of 5 Bronze medals in the Cadet category, 1 Silver medal in the Junior category, and 2 Gold medals, which were won by Khaleesi Ridderstaat in the Infant category. This is a historic achievement for the sport in Aruba, as we have succeeded in reaching an international podium at this level of competition. In this way, Tiger Taekwondo Academy has achieved international ranking in

the Cadet and Junior categories.

Athlete Aleysha Macea has positioned herself in third place in the Cadet-55kg ranking and in the Junior+68 ranking, while Maelynn Fradl has also positioned herself in third place in the International Ranking.

Once again, Tiger Taekwondo Academy, under the guidance of Masters Teo Rodriguez and Jason Ridderstaat, expresses immense gratitude to Marlon Petrucci from Eumar Lock and Aruba, along with all their drivers who have supported them with each contribution to the roundabouts.□

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MoU signed to transform former DOW building into a jewel project



ORANJESTAD – On May 3, 2023, the Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber, signed an MoU with the Aruba Ports Authority (APA) and Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) on behalf of the government of Aruba. Minister Oduber and Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes gave a speech during this ceremony.

This MoU opens the possibility to explore the possibility of converting the former DOW building into the main building of the APA and a Visitor Inspiration Center of the ATA. Minister Oduber indicated that it took a long time to sign this MoU, which is a significant achievement.

The APA will take over the former DOW building, completely renovate it and share it with the ATA. The second floor will be the headquarters of the APA, while the Aruba Tourism Authority will lease the first floor and convert it into a Visitor Inspiration Center to provide our visitors with information, inspiration, and assistance cruise tourists.



The government's vision and policy for tourism are based on continued investment in the Aruba product, stimulating the economy and creating new opportunities for the community. Aruba is an excellent and high-quality product, and to remain competitive it is essential to continue to invest in Aruba.



Minister Oduber is delighted that they have finally signed the MoU after so long. On March 14, 2023, a delegation consisting of the APA director, ATA CEO, and the DOW and Monuments Bureau received a tour of the abandoned building and inspected the condition of the building.

With the MoU signed, they will soon renovate the former DOW building after being vacated 15 years ago.

Minister Dangui Oduber is grateful to APA NV and ATA for working together to create a new facility to be proud of. □

beauty & THE BEACH

Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Marianne and Mike from Toronto, Canada**. This is their first time on the island and they are loving the beaches. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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Short history of the beginnings of baseball in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Baseball was played on the island of Aruba in the 1930's, but only by United States expatriates working for LAGO and living inside the LAGO colony. Jim Bluejacket, the legendary US Indian who had played in two major league teams, worked for LAGO during 14 years and was a key factor in the growth of the popularity of the game in the colony. There is no record of Bluejacket ever playing outside the colony.

Outside the colony, the game of baseball was introduced to Aruba by Venezuelan immigrants and sailors on the Venezuelan fishing boats that used Aruba as their home port. They formed pick-up teams and played games on Sundays on an open field behind what is now the Court of Justice. One of the Venezuelans that comes to mind is Felix Garrido, grandfather of our current Prime-Minister.

In the late 30s the leader of this group was Raúl Aparicio, a cousin of Luis Aparicio who is now enshrined in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The Aparicos were evidently very good at sports. Raúl had two brothers who also played baseball, René and Roman. Rosendo, his only brother who did not play baseball became a professional soccer player in the Venezuelan league. Rosendo was nicknamed "Cabeza de oro" (golden head) for a memorable header he scored to win a game for his team.

Interestingly, it was in Aruba that Luis Aparicio played his first game outside of Venezuela. This took place in 1950 when he played shortstop for the school he attended. Later he played for "Cabimas" in a double-header of the Venezuelan Western League. These official games of the league were authorized to be played in Aruba by the Professional Baseball Organization of Venezuela. Several others who played in those games have also been enshrined.

Luis Aparicio's father was the super popular Luis "El Grande" (the great one) after whom the baseball stadium in Maracaibo is named. He and his brother owned the professional baseball teams "Gavilanes" which later became the "Aguilas", and the "Cabimas".

In the early '40s, another group, mostly immigrants from the Dominican Republic also became very active with pickup teams. Some of these remained active in baseball well into the early '50s; as umpires, managers even as players. Among these were Nestor "Pantin" Guerrero who also had a musical band. Perhaps not so coincidentally, many of Pantin's players were also musicians. Luthai Pantophlet who umpired many years was a well-known drummer. Gaston Hazel was a bongo player; José Bryson and the brothers Nicholson, Teddy and Julio, all played several instruments.

Dodgers became the dominant baseball powerhouse till the 1950s.

(Aruba Trading Co.), Esso Garage and Botica San Lucas. In 1945 Venezuelan employees of the Lago refinery participated under the name of "Cafenol", a very popular Venezuelan coffee brand. Two other groups of Venezuelan immigrants formed the teams "Cerveceria" (named after the iconic team Cerveceria Caracas), and "Venezuela", although not all members of these teams were Venezuelans. This was also the year that the team sponsored by Roxy Café started to play as "Dodgers".

Other teams that entered the baseball scene in the late 1940s: Pepsi Cola (Oranjestad) and St. Thomas Boys (former students of St. Thomas College, Oranjestad). "Baby Ruth" in San Nicolas played initially under the name "Camel" and "Barnes' Ramblers" the only team consisting of Lago Colony players to participate in the Lago Sport Park championships. "Red Rock Cola" was formed in Oranjestad in 1950.

In 1952 the team Pepsi Cola became "Nesbitt's" and had players of seven countries, including two American expats from Lago Colony.

In San Nicolas, baseball was played on the grounds next to where the LAGO Sport Park (now Laveist Sport Park) was officially inaugurated in March 1941.

During the WWII years, baseball got a big lift from the influx of Puerto Rican and US soldiers stationed here. As LAGO was playing a very important role in the struggle against Hitler, it was able to get all the sports equipment needed here to allow more people to participate.

In the '40s only the Lago Sports Park organized baseball championship games. The first teams to participate were Artraco,

In 1950 a group of prominent members of the Aruba community founded the Amateur Baseball Bond of Aruba (ABBA) to give structure to the management of the sport and became the organizers of official championship games. While maintaining the existing teams in a league that was referred to as A-

class, ABBA established a B-class league in which the "Budweiser" and "Braves" played the first years.

By 1952 Aruba became a member of the International Amateur Baseball Association and fielded a team managed by Joe Proterra, (former pitcher of "Barnes' Ramblers"), that would play for the first time ever in the Amateur Baseball World Series that took place in Havana, Cuba in September. Surprisingly, Aruba won two of its six games and became the darling of the Havana fans. Nell Harms of the Aruban team was named the "Outstanding player of the week" for his performance against Honduras. He allowed just two hits, struck out 15 and hit the only homerun of the game. Joe Cambria, the famous scout for the Washington Senators offered him a contract, but Nel was not interested, but the next year, at the Amateur Baseball World Series in Caracas, Venezuela, Nel and Ruben Phillips did sign and in 1954 they played professional baseball the Georgia-Florida League and the Texas-New Mexico League. They were the first Arubans to play professionally, but not the only ones.

During the games in Havana, contacts were made with the organizers of Little League Baseball in Cuba which eventually resulted in the introduction of Little League in Aruba. Little League of Aruba has been extremely successful: It has produced many players who earned baseball scholarships at universities in the United States, a few who played professionally in the Netherlands and different countries in the Caribbean and five who reached the major leagues: Calvin Maduro, Eugene Kingsale, Radhames Dijkhoff, Sydney Ponson, and Xander Bogaerts one of the brightest stars of Boston Red Sox. □

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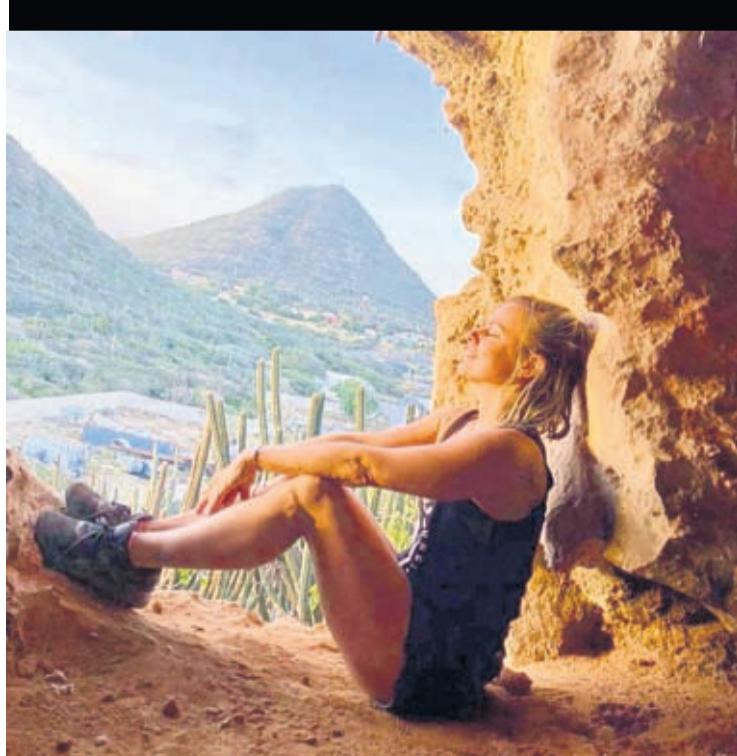
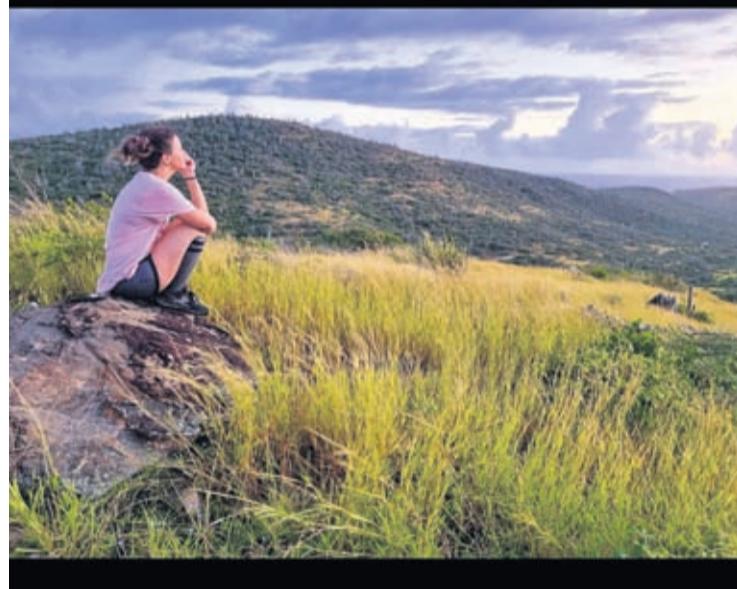
"The future of humanity depends more on collaboration"

For ten years she has been working as a yoga instructor. A few years ago, she founded and organized the Cadushi Festival. She also worked as a journalist and directed a foundation. Now she is finding her life's purpose in a journey of discovery and growth for life, nature, music, art, culture, love, among others. Her name is Carina Wever.

She sat down with our reporter and shared that she lived in the Netherlands for several years and has been in Aruba back in 2008. For some time she has involved herself in different activities such as Cirkel, a place where people went to participate in different workshops, yoga lessons, get-togethers to give support to others, for which she assured that it was just an excuse for people to get together to talk about anything.

In the interview, she expressed that she's always helped pregnant women, which motivated her to do training in New York to become a doula. But wellness was something she has been interested in since childhood, she stated. She has been doing yoga since she was 11 years old and staying active and living a healthy life was something that always had her attention: "that was a trajectory that came very natural to me."

She organized Cadushi Festival and works with another foundation that organized events for the financial sector. But now she reached a point where she is trying to combine everything in what she does; yoga and events uniting different elements of wellness like movement, breathing exercises, meditation, even nutrition and other healthy habits "that help you get the bigger picture, because to live healthily does not require just one path. I try to combine different elements from my own life experiences which proved



successful to me," she expressed.

Now she owns a company where they explore different ways to help people reach holistic wellness. They offer different elements to achieve a life with optimal health: "I try to search for collaborations, because I think there are many people that do different things to help other people achieve a healthier lifestyle—including healthy mental well-being, for example through therapy or coaching, nutrition, social work."

That is how she ended up taking part in the project Women's Month Uniting Women, along with other empowered women and professionals. Together they organize activities on International Women's Day every year.

"All these people have their own expertise and they all help women with the same goal. They help women become more healthy and stronger. This is why I decided to join the project," she stated.

In terms of her experience with the project, she shared that they were very successful "and the most important part was that we received a lot of positive reaction and enthusiasm. People told us that we should do this more often and not just for Women's Day. We all have different ideas and angles, like a financial psychologist, who help people with their spending habits and their overall relationship with money. Some of our members are great coaches too; others give art lessons to people. We have one member who does kickboxing to empower women."

She further expressed that her and the organization wanted to do a follow up, so they can evaluate how the activities went and to see how they can keep collaborating with other people and organizations,

and not just make it a once a month thing: "we want to think of ways to keep joining forces, to keep offering something to people for the rest of the year. This isn't concrete yet but that is our plan."

But their plan does not only include women, but also men, who since their last activities, have also asked to be a part of these activities. Wever expressed that "to reach an optimal state of life, I feel like it would be great if we can have Women's day, but also include men in this so that we can do something together, seeing as they there's much of a celebration for their day."

She wishes that there could be more collaboration between similar people that provide services like this, so that everyone can benefit from them: "From a young age we are taught that boys are stronger; boys don't cry. They have feelings too, but are taught to lock them away and to be strong, and act as if they don't need help or support."

To finalize, Wever believes that the future of mankind depends more on collaboration: "there are so many people that are doing great things to contribute in a positive way, but a lot of times there is a tendency to do only one's part and be done. I believe that in the future we can really help people in need. That's why it is important to unite. Every person has the right to feel as good as possible, physically, mentally and emotionally." □

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The Last of Us, Wii Sports entering Video Game Hall of Fame

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The first commercial video game and the first one marketed to girls are headed to the World Video Game Hall of Fame, alongside a post-apocalyptic nail-biter and a system that made gamers out of grandparents.

Computer Space, Barbie Fashion Designer, The Last of Us and Wii Sports were announced Thursday as the Hall of Fame's class of 2023.

The Hall of Fame honors arcade, console, computer, handheld and mobile games that have influenced popular culture or the video game industry. This year's additions bring to 40 the number of games to be enshrined since its opening at The Strong museum in 2015.

The winners were voted in by a panel of experts from a field of finalists that also included Age of Empires, Angry Birds, Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare, FIFA International Soccer, Goldeneye 007, NBA 2K, Quake and Wizardry.

Nutting Associates' coin-operated Computer Space appeared in 1971 as the first commercial video game and was recognized for proving that video games could reach paying audiences outside of the labs where they were being developed. It didn't garner the kind of commercial success that would bring video games to the masses, according to the hall, but it did lay the foundation for the gaming industry: The developers went on to establish the gaming giant Atari Inc.

"There was no video game industry in 1970. The games that we'd now call video games were still mostly locked away on computers in university and research labs, inaccessible to the public," Jeremy Saucier, assistant vice president for interpretation and electronic games at The Strong, said in a news release.

Barbie Fashion Designer was the first video game to target girls, letting them design and print clothes for their Barbie dolls. It



This photo provided by World Video Game Hall of Fame, Barbie Fashion Designer, Computer Space, The Last of Us and Wii Sports are heading into the World Video Game Hall of Fame.

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quickly took off, selling more than 500,000 copies in two months after its 1996 release by Digital Domain/Mattel Media. The game not only expanded the audience for video games but also began a discussion about gender and stereotypes in gaming that continues today, according to the Hall of Fame. "Barbie Fashion Designer became a jumping-off point for the girls' games movement and shook up the software and gaming scene," collections manager Kristy Hisert said. "It also sparked important questions and debate. What does it mean to be a game for girls? Should there even be games 'for girls'? What are the implications of these games? What are the consequences of gendering games?"

The Last of Us, with its mem-

orable characters and storytelling, quickly stood out in the field of post-apocalyptic zombie games when it was released by Naughty Dog and Sony Interactive Entertainment. More than 200 publications named it the game of the year when it entered the scene in 2013. Ten years later, millions of viewers now tune in for the HBO series it inspired. "The 2023 HBO adaptation has expanded the game's reach and popularity. Created with Naughty Dog's involvement, the show has garnered support from both critics and fans as one of the best video game adaptations ever made," video game curator Lindsey Kurano said.

Wii Sports, which launched with the Nintendo Wii home video game system in 2006, was honored for putting motion-based technology

into living rooms across the world, where anyone from young children to older adults could grab the controller and join in virtual bowling, tennis matches and rounds of golf. Community centers for older adults embraced the games for their health and social benefits.

"With more than 82 million copies sold, Wii Sports is one of the best-selling video games of all time, but its true influence comes from the fact that it made gamers out of millions of people around the world who'd never thought about playing one before," said Aryol Prater, research specialist for Black play and culture at The Strong.

Anyone can nominate a game for consideration by the World Video Game Hall of Fame. The hall is set to move to an expanded space in The Strong in Rochester come June 30. □



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Lakers, Heat surging in series through defensive superiority

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EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) —

The NBA just completed its highest-scoring regular season in 53 years, its teams scoring 282,127 points while a record 20 players made at least 200 3-pointers.

And now two low-seeded playoff teams are surging toward the conference finals with dominant defense.

The Lakers and the Heat are widely considered to be two of the best defensive teams in a league that has rarely been more offense-oriented, and both veteran-led groups turned in sterling defensive performances to take 2-1 series leads in the second round. Miami hosts the Knicks and Los Angeles hosts the Warriors on Monday night with a chance to seize control of both series largely because they've been better defensively.

"We're playing the way we envisioned the Lakers to play," LeBron James said. "No matter what goes on, we hang our hats on our defense."

Eighth-seeded Miami held New York to 86 points while winning Game 3 on Saturday, and the seventh-seeded Lakers held Golden State under 100 points for only the fifth time all season in a 30-point blowout win. The victories didn't decide either series, but they clearly showed the direction both winners want to go — and how they want to get there. The Lakers' opponents are shooting an NBA-low 41.3% in the postseason, and they give most of the credit to Anthony Davis. The big man has blocked a whopping 37 shots in LA's nine playoff games while altering countless others and playing with the defensive fire of his best NBA seasons, including the Lakers' 2020 championship run in the bubble.

"The biggest thing for me is for us to come out with a mindset to just defend," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said Sunday after practice. "Everything that happens offensively, that's more who has it going, which actions



Golden State Warriors guard Gary Payton II, left, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers forward Rui Hachimura defends during the second half in Game 3 of an NBA basketball Western Conference semifinal Saturday, May 6, 2023, in Los Angeles.

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are working. I'm not worried about how we're going to score as long as we're on point defensively, starting with (Davis)."

The Heat went to work late Sunday morning to watch film, before players scattered their separate ways for some semblance of an off day. And there were tons of options: some were going to the Formula 1 race in Miami Gardens, others were making the trip north to Sunrise to watch the Tampa Bay Lightning host Game 3 of their NHL playoff series.

"The guys all understand that we have to get a rest, get off your feet," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They're not going to be standing around, doing that kind of stuff, but I also don't want them just obsessing about the game (Monday). We have to rest up, recover, let your mind kind of wander to other things. ... It's a fun time right now in South Florida. It really is."

For Miami, Jimmy Butler —

even with his right ankle at less than 100% — is on a tear like only one other player in Heat playoff history.

He's scored at least 25 points in all seven of his appearances in this postseason. That's the second-longest such streak in Heat history; James had 15 games of at least 25 points on the way to his first championship in 2012.

"He's on his run right now," Heat center Bam Adebayo said. "He's playing at an all-time high."

He's shooting 56% so far in these playoffs, 60% from 2-point range. But as far as "at an all-time high," Butler would disagree, sort of.

"I think if you'd have watched me at Tomball High School, you would say that I was way better than I am now because I was very, very dominant then," Butler said. "I'm comfortable. I'm confident. I work extremely hard at my craft and I'm very grateful to be able to play for an organization and a city like Miami."

KNICKS AT HEAT

Miami leads 2-1. Game 4, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Monday, TNT

— **NEED TO KNOW:** New York shot 34% on Saturday, its second-worst effort of the season, and regressed from going 16 for 40 on 3s in Game 2 to 8 for 40 in Game 3. On the plus side, it can't get much worse. On the other side, Miami didn't exactly sizzle offensively in Game 3 either — 39% from the field, 22% from 3-point range.

— **KEEP AN EYE ON:** Julius Randle. A game-high 14 rebounds in Game 3 was a good thing, but he shot only 4 of 15 from the field and missed all five of his 3-point tries. He shot 30% in his playoff debut in 2021, is shooting just under 35% in this year's playoffs, and clearly needs to do more on the offensive end.

— **INJURY WATCH:** Butler made it through Game 3 with his ankle, which still needs treatment. Knicks point guard Jalen Brunson is toughing out an ankle problem, and his backup,

Immanuel Quickley, turned an ankle midway through the fourth quarter of Game 3. Quickley is "day to day," coach Tom Thibodeau said.

— **PRESSURE IS ON:** Miami. The Heat have to expect that New York will be better offensively in Game 4, and all the Knicks have to do to reclaim the home-court edge is simply win one game. Miami can't let the momentum pendulum swing back New York's way now.

WARRIORS AT LAKERS

Los Angeles leads 2-1. Game 4, 10 p.m. EDT, Monday, TNT

— **NEED TO KNOW:** The Lakers are unbeaten in their downtown arena since March, going 7-0 with four playoff wins and a play-in victory. They've won 10 of 11 at home overall as part of their overall 16-5 surge since St. Patrick's Day.

— **KEEP AN EYE ON:** The whistles. The Lakers have shot 83 free throws in the series to the Warriors' 39, which isn't really a surprise given these teams' sharply contrasting offensive styles.

Yet the Warriors and their fans are crying foul over the officials' decisions — even though Golden State was called for 22 fouls to the Lakers' 21 in Game 3 — and the momentum could shift if Golden State gets to the line more or limits the Lakers' free throws.

— **INJURY WATCH:** Neither team is significantly limited by injuries, and Davis' continued good health is the Lakers' greatest asset. After missing big chunks of the past three seasons, he's close to full strength — even if Lakers fans hold their collective breath each time he takes one of his many awkward falls to the court.

— **PRESSURE IS ON:** Golden State. They've rallied from a 3-1 series deficit only once in their playoff history, beating Oklahoma City in the 2016 Western Conference finals — right before that 73-win team infamously blew a 3-1 series lead to James' Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals. □

Clark holds off Schauffele for first PGA win at Wells Fargo

By STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

— Wyndham Clark shot 68 on Sunday for a four-shot victory over Xander Schauffele at the Wells Fargo Championship to earn his first career win on the PGA Tour.

The 29-year-old Clark struggled to hold back tears as he sank a bogey putt on the 18th hole to seal the win.

Clark finished the tournament at 19-under 265, the second-lowest score in relation to par in tournament history behind only three-time champion Rory McIlroy's 21-under 267 in 2015 when par for the course was 72.

Schauffele had accuracy issues with his driver on Sunday and shot 70, finishing at 15 under.

Tyrrell Hatton and Harry English finished tied for third at 12 under, one shot better than Tommy Fleetwood and Adam Scott. Defending champion Max Homa shot 70 on Sunday and tied for ninth at 9-under 275.

Clark's victory came the hard way.

The world's 80th ranked player opened the final round with a two-shot lead, surrendered it to Schauffele after seven holes and then stormed back to win after playing the final 11 holes in 4 under.

Despite never having won on tour before, there were signs that Clark was due. He'd finished in the top six in three of the last five tournaments he'd entered, including a third place finish at the Zurich Classic last month.

Clark pulled his tee shot left on No. 1 over the cart path, leaving him a difficult approach shot leading to a bogey. Schauffele pulled into the lead with birdies at Nos. 3 and 7 and it looked like Clark, who was struggling just to make birdie over the first six holes, might collapse under the pressure of trying to win his first tournament.

But the momentum changed on the eighth hole.

Clark chipped to within 4



Wyndham Clark celebrates his victory after the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club on Sunday, May 7, 2023, in Charlotte, N.C.

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feet and rolled in a short birdie putt to pull back into a tie and then took the lead for good at the turn when Schauffele's par putt lipped out on No. 9.

Schauffele started struggling with his driver, missing four straight fairways. Clark kept the pressure on sinking birdie putts at No. 10 and 12 sandwiched in between a Schauffele bogey on No. 11, pushing the lead to four strokes with six holes left to play.

Clark matched Schauffele's birdies at the 14th and 15th holes to maintain a four-shot edge heading into the difficult closing three holes known as the Green Mile.

From there, the only real drama was whether he'd break McIlroy's tournament record. □

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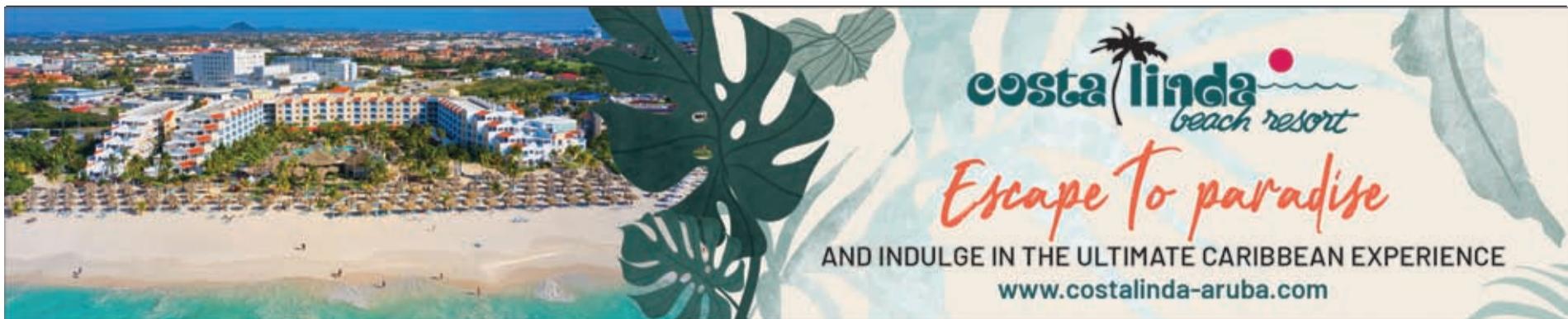
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Eagle Beach – When you think of a restaurant that pleases the needs of a whole family or a large group of people with all different tastes? Think Water's Edge Restaurant. Located at the shore of Aruba's most wonderful beach, The Eagle Beach Aruba. Water's Edge Restaurant is guaranteed to serve you a fantastic magical night to remember. Whether you prefer to enjoy the view from indoors air conditioned comfort, outdoors in the soft tropical breeze or under a palapa with your toes in the sand. This spectacular restaurant offers the best ocean view sunset or sky full of stars dinner while the crispy Caribbean night wind caresses your face and plays with your hair.

From the minute you arrive there will be a great staff welcoming you with the most contagious smiles and warmth. The intense menu with a great variety of appetizers, main courses and delicious desserts will not disappoint. Seafood, Steaks and international favorites. All on one menu specially made just for you.

Culinary Voyage

Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the mouthwatering creamy Garlic Tarragon Shrimp.



You can also opt for a classic French Onion Soup, a Lobster Bisque or the famously Water's Edge House Wedge, a crisp wedge of fresh romaine lettuce topped with homemade blue cheese dressing, diced tomatoes, chopped bacon, caramelized pecans and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with balsamic reduction. This followed by the Chef's special of seafood such as Fresh salmon filet seasoned and grilled, topped with lemon cilantro butter and served with homemade mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus, a nice plate of Ahi Tuna or a succulent pasta dish like the Florentina Fettuccine Alfredo. Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of a devourable 22oz. Bone-In "Tomahawk" Rib-Eye, pan seared in garlic infused oil and finished in the oven or our juicy N.Y Strip Loin, seasoned & grilled. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi glace, mushroom sauce, or bacon blue cheese butter. For extra sides the options are delectable. Fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries or rice and beans. Combine your personal choice with one of the most exclusive wine from the

great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

Creating memories

If you are planning a birthday dinner, here you will receive a nice bottle of champagne to take home with you to extend your experience even further whether on the beach or your own private balcony.

Live entertainment

Just about every day of the week, there is a different live entertainment by the best local artists for you to enjoy. Whether you're in a romantic mood, or more in a swinging mood, there is absolutely a night especially for you where you can combine great music with delicious cocktails mixed with concoctions. In addition, Water's Edge offers three daily Happy Hours from 12pm-1pm, 4pm-6pm and again from 9pm-10pm with all premium brands specially priced.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Whether you join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner, Water's Edge Restaurant & Bar offers a relaxed and inspirational dining experience overlooking the beautiful Eagle Beach with spectacular ocean views. Gather with friends and family for drinks and appetizers or a night of pampering and relaxation.



Thank you to all our guests

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to Thank all of our guests who showed us so much love and support all throughout the year, and hopefully will continue to do so in the years to come. What we are most grateful for is that we could get back to doing what we love, which is looking after our guests. So, thank you for every dinner, lunch, breakfast, every to-go order, every glass of wine, every birthday, anniversary and date-night that you spent with us this last year. To our new guests, Welcome! We hope you to see you back soon! □



"Water's Edge Restaurant is where magnificent beach views, amazing food and excellent service come together."

Water's Edge is open daily from 8am – 11pm

To reserve your table please call **+297 583-8000 / ext 8106** or direct line **+297 586-9494**

For more information about the menus, entertainment and hours, please visit the website watersedge-aruba.com